

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2007. In the aforesaid action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 8, 11, 13 and 14 as containing allowable subject matter, and allowed claims 17 and 18. By the present amendment, each independent claim has been amended to recite allowable subject matter, and it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claims 7 and 8, and claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 11. Further, claims 11 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form, and claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, each of independent claims 1, 11, 13, 17 and 18 is either presently amended to contain allowable subject matter or has already been allowed.

It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. If, upon consideration of this response, the Examiner feels there are issues which can be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

This paper is accompanied by authorization for payment of a fee for extension of time, and also for extra independent claims. It is believed that no additional fee is due in

connection with this paper. If, however, any fee is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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